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The meaning of justice

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Justice For All

Lesson for August 2, 1981
Bible Study Passages: Deuteronomy 16:18-20, 24:10-15, 17-19

Introduction

The laws and commandments of God always include concern for all humans and worship of God. The founding fathers of our nation forged the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights to ensure certain basic freedoms. Unfortunately, these freedoms have not always been granted or assured for some. Our nation has come a long ways towards recognizing the rights and needs of others, but we still have some distance to go.

Treating others with dignity is a natural bent of the Old and New Testaments. We cannot be true to the biblical lessons or the the example of Christ if we refuse to regard the dignity and worth of all persons. All the worship in the world cannot replace the requirement of justice and mercy. God constantly reminded the people of Israel that rituals and sacrifices do not fill the requirements of justice.

Christians and Jews everywhere have a spritual and moral obligation to respond compassionately to the needs of all people, regardless of class, creed, or ethnic origin.

A Just Judge [Deut. 16:18-20]

No one likes a crooked or unfair judge. We all want judges who are fair and honest. But a judge obviously has a very difficult position of responsibility to fulfill. The Israelite Judge was to judge according to the standards of Yahweh. He was to judge with fairness and without resorting bribery.

True justice has no regard to faces, that is, it does not discriminate or show favoritism towards some while harshly judging others. Each time a judgement is made, however, there enters the element of mistake or poor judgement.

We each make wrong judgements from time to time. Ideally, however, we are to judge others with all fairness and with our relationship to God in mind. We would do well to seek "the mind of Christ" in all our judgements.

Concern For Others [Deut. 24:10-15]

Today's society places great stresses upon people. Particularly is this true for the poor. Everyone feels the economic crunch, but no section of the nation's people feel it more painfully as the poor. The Old Testament stresses the importance of concern for those who live from hand to mouth, whose paychecks are already spoken for.

There was also an expressed concern for the hired worker. There were no unions and labor boards to speak out for their behalf. In all ways the people of God were to practice fairness to the working person.

The paycheck is a means of survival in any age and culture. Except for the wealthy, no one can afford to miss a paycheck. Employers must reward their workers with a fair and just wage. It is a sin to refuse to pay fairly and on time. God cannot overlook those who hold back what is rightfully another person's.

Concern For those In Need [Deut. 24:17-19]

Persons of the Old and New Testament faith are urged to practice compassionate humanitarianism. Jesus always practiced concern for the destitute and downtrodden. He was sensitive to both the physical and spiritual hungers of humanity, and he sought to minister to both.

Kindness towards others is a good quality in the sight of God. Kindness naturally implies the element of sharing with those who have not.

My grandfather always grew a community garden. He fed many people with his gift for growing vegetables and fruits. He always shared his abundance with the poor in his community. He was a "rich man" in that he gave freely to those in need. In that sense he also gave to me a gift, namely, the gift of remembering the responsibility of sharing.

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Church News

Revival set at Galilee

The general public is cordially invited to attend the annual homecoming and revival at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Albert Davis, assistant pastor, will deliver the morning message. Special music will be rendered by the Galilee Senior and Junior Choirs. The homecoming message will be delivered by Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. and music will be rendered by the Buckingham Community Chorus. The homecoming rally will be a memorial to all deceased members of the church. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall by members of the Men's Club. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. Music will be furnished by a local choir each evening. Rev. Lawing, Jr. will be the guest for the week of services.

The Hasadiah Baptist Association will convene at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Red House, Va., this Thursday and Friday beginning at 10 a.m. Local churches are asked to send delegates. The Rev. C. W. Dunning is moderator.

The Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Senior Choir and the "Jets Unlimited" were special guest at the Teawallett Baptist Church in Cumberland County this past Sunday. Rev. Lawing Jr. delivered the homecoming message.

The Senior Choir rendered music on Monday evening at the Jordan Baptist Church. The "Jets Unlimited" will sing Wednesday night.

A successful homecoming was reported at Jordan.

We're happy to report that the following members and friends have returned home after successful operations; Mr. Jimmie Jackson, Mrs. Margaret Lampkin and Deacon Burnett Turner.

Mrs. Virginia Cashwell and Mr. Harry Pannell are receiving special treatment at Lynchburg General.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable visit to Baltimore. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Tim Lawing. We extend this invitation to all members and friends in the area.

Let us continue to pray one for another. Have a beautiful week!

Kelly to be guest preacher

The Rev. Raymond Kelly of Pembroke, Va. will be preaching each night at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church. Services will be held Aug. 2-7 at 8 p.m. each night.

There will be special music each night.

The Rev. David B. Camden is pastor.

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The Pastor Speaks

Revival set at Hebron

TOMMY COY, shown above with his wife, Wilma, has been welcomed to Freedom Baptist Church as the church's new pastor. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1964 and his Doctor of Theology degree in 1971, with a major in Pastoral Ministry. Tommy has served several churches as pastor, and was Planning Consultant for the Home Mission Board from 1968 through 1976. From 1977 through February of 1981, he was director of counseling for the Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach. Tommy and his wife, Wilma have three married daughters and four grandchildren.

Homecoming, revival begins at Canaan

Homecoming and revival activities will begin at Canaan Baptist Church Sunday, Aug. 9 at 11:30 a.m.

The pastor, the Rev. C. L. Elliott, will be in charge of the service. The Mt. Zion Senior Choir will furnish the music, and dinner will be served.

The Rev. Russell Lee will be guest speaker at the 3 p.m. service on Aug. 9. The Scott Zion Gospel Chorus of Madison will provide music for the service.

The Rev. H. E. Spears will be the guest evangelist for activities planned for the week Aug. 10-14. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. each night, and there will be a different choir providing music at each service.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

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Dove season set

The Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries met in the Commission hearing room in Richmond on Friday, July 24, for the purpose of selecting the hunting seasons for doves, woodcock, railbirds and certain other migratory species.

The seasons and bag limits selected include a split dove season, the first segment opening September 5, 1981 and closing October 24 and the second segment starting December 19 and closing January 7, 1982. The bag limit will be 12 birds daily, 24 in possession. During the first segment of the dove season shooting will commence at 12-noon and end at, sunset. During the second part of the season, shooting may commence by hour before sunrise and will end at sunset.

The season for hunting Clapper, King, Sora and Virginia rails will open September 12, 1981 and close November 20, 1981. The daily limits are 15 Clapper and King rails daily, 30 in possession. The daily limit on sora and Virginia rails is 25.

Woodcock season will open November 9, 1981 and extends through January 12, 1982. The daily bag limit is 5 with a possession limit of 10. The season for taking common snipe opens October 17, 1981 and will close January 31, 1982. The daily limit is 8 and the possession limit is 16.

Football registration set

Registration for Little League football and Cheerleading will be held on Saturday, August 1, at the Hillcrest Office of Central Fidelity Bank between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Boys and girls, ages 7 to 13, are eligible to participate in these programs. Ages are determined as of August 1st) Participants in the football program must submit a copy of their birth certificate if this is their first year of participation.

The appropriate registration form below must be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian. The fee for registration for both football players and cheerleaders is $5.00.

Boosters to meet

ACHS Athletic Boosters Club will hold a Very Special meeting on Monday, August 3, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. in the ACHS Library.

All members and interested persons are encouraged to attend.

(Photo by Allen Austin)

1981 APPOMATTOX BABE RUTH All Star Team — Front Row (from left) Scott Almond, Mike Ferguson, Mike Jackson, Ronald Kelso, and Haven Fields; second row, Tony Mann, Jay Wingfield, Ricky Turner, Gary Ferguson, and Russell Walton; third row, Coach L. M. Thomas, Jay Chenault, Paul Johnson, Louis Preston, Tyrone Abbitt, Coach Bob Hudson, and Manager Bookie Johnson.

'Drifters' to hold tourney

The Drifters Softball Team will hold a mixed softball roundrobin tournament (teams consist of five men and five women) Aug. 7-9 at the Toga Community Center Ball Park.

The park is located between Mt. Rush and Appomattox on Route 24.

Entry fee will be $60, and teams are asked to furnish their own balls.

Each team will play at least four or five games, depending on the number of teams in each bracket.

The first 18 teams to call will be accepted into the tournament. Trophies will be given to the winner and runnerup in each bracket, and the winner and runnerup in each bracket will go to the championship round to play against Tri-City, up.

The tournament is being held to benefit Hunter Gunter, who broke his leg on May 8 in Madison Heights playing ball and was unable to work for two months.

For furthr information, call Shirley Gunter at (804) 933-8918 or Danny Casey at (804) 352-8629, or, write to Shirley Gunter, Rt. 1, Box 131, Gladstone, Va. 24533.

Registration forms offered

FOOTBALL REGISTRATION FORM

NAME:_____

AGE (as of Aug. 1st):_____ Approximate Weight:_____

ADDRESS:_____

DATE OF BIRTH:_____ PHONE:_____

RELEASE

For, and in consideration of my child being allowed to participate in the Appomattox Youth Association Program, I hereby release all coaches, officials, and the Appomattox Youth Association from any and all injuries which my child may sustain or receive while practicing in the above mentioned program, either during practice or actual games or going to and from said practice or games.

_____(SEAL)
PARENT OR GUARDIAN

CHEERLEADER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME:_____

AGE (as of Aug. 1st):_____ DATE OF BIRTH:_____

ADDRESS:_____ PHONE:_____

I hereby give my permission for the above named boy or girl to participate as a cheerleader in the program of the Appomattox County Youth Association.

RELEASE

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_____(SEAL)
PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Wins Division I Title

Babe Ruth team in state tourney

The Appomattox Babe Ruth All Star Team won all three of its Division I Tournament games last week to take the Division I Title and advance to the state tournament this week.

The local team won its first contest July 18 against Lunenburg County, when strong team defense and good pitching by Paul Johnson helped Appomattox score a come-from-behind victory.

Appomattox was trailing 3-0 in the sixth inning, when Gary Ferguson, Ronald Kelso and Haven Fields came up with key hits to make the score 3-2.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, a squeeze play by Louis Preston and Jay Chenault's game-winning hit gave the game to the local team.

Johnson pitched a six-hitter enroute to the victory.

The second game, played last Tuesday against Tri-City, saw Jay Wingfield, Gary Ferguson and Ricky Turner lead the hitters and Mike Jackson pitch a very strong complete game as Appomattox won the contest.

Thursday evening, the local team won the final game of the tournament, again against Tri-City. Appomattox jumped to a 4-0 lead, but fell behind 7-4. Then in the fifth inning, key RBI hits by Tony Mann and Jay Chenault highlighted a five-run Appomattox inning.

Paul Johnson started the game, but Mike Feguson came in to relieve him and pitched strong relief ball, and was credited with the 10-8 victory.

Teams in the tournament with Appomattox were Lunenburg, Tri-City, South Boston, Brookneal, and Chase City.

The Appomattox team was scheduled to play its first game in the state tournament last night (Tuesday) at 8 p.m. in Sandston.

Pamplin Exxon qualifies for state

The Pamplin Exxon softball team won the Class D Qualifying Tournament in Lynchburg this weekend and will advance to the state tournament in Pulaski Aug. 15 and 16.

The Pamplin team won four games and went undefeated during the double-elimination tournament, which included a variety of business-sponsored teams from throughout this section of Virginia.

There will be 24 teams in the state tournament, according to Pamplin Exxon spokesman Don Bates.

Members of the Pamplin Exxon team include Ronald and Donald Harvey, Steve Almond, Dennis Totty, Mike Totty, Terry Wood, Mike Lewis, Earl Martin, Gus Paulette, Jerry Mitchell, Kim Simmons, Greg Mayberry, Dalton Elder, Willie Cyrus, and Donald Bates.

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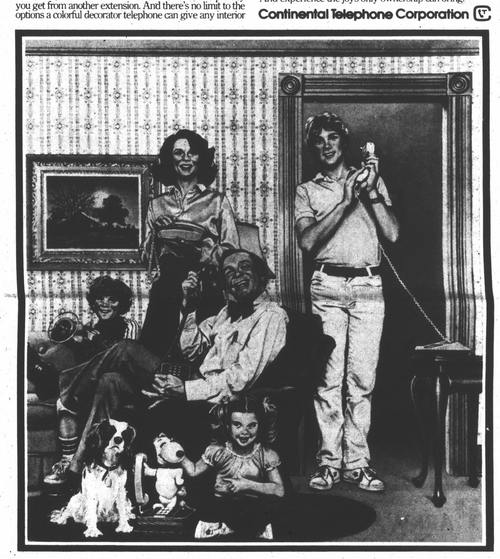

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